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News

Peter 1 Island DXpedition 2026 by team leader Ken LA7GIA

Plans for Peter I Island DXpedition (2026) in progress. We have secured a vessel, and we're now building a team of 19 operators that will go to Peter I Island in February 2026 and stay there for 14 days. The vessel is a proper Antarctica vessel with 2 helicopters, two Expedition leaders and with all permits needed. We are working closely with the Norwegian Polar Institute to obtain the landing permit. A website will be created and more information about Peter I Island DXpedition will be released later. Fundraising is expected to start 2024.

3YØK Bouvet Island 2025

3YØK DXpedition to Bouvetøya January 2025 (#11 most wanted)

-Up to 21 days on the island

-A team of 3 operators + support team of 4 persons + remote team

-Budget \$440,000 where 2/3rd of budget is secured already

-\$150,000 in support needed

-All permits in hand

<https://www.dx-world.net/bouvet-island-and-peter-i-island-project/>



T32TT Eastern Kiribati –update December 7

More than half of the antennas are now installed at **T32TT**. Low bands will follow. So far approximately up to 7 stations QRV at any one time. CW operations also started – recording below. Yesterday, just offshore AA7JV/MM was spotted – picture by 3Z9DX.



3W9C Con Son Island AS-130 – update December 5

'After three days of heavy rainfall, the last two days were rainless. This morning welcomed us with sunshine. The wind is also much weaker. So it looks like the rainy season here, which lasts until November, is coming to an end.

Yesterday, propagation on the 6 m band appeared for a short while. So I managed to make several contacts with Japanese stations. Throughout the evening I was watching the 20 m band on FT8, waiting for a stronger opening to Europe. However, it did not appear. Today I returned to this band at 5:30 am in the hope of contact with NA. I managed to get a few of them on FT8. Sked on the CW with a station from Louisiana was also a success. At first I only heard someone sending CW, but it was at the noise level. After a few minutes the signal became strong and I was able to read it easily.

T09W St Martin –update December 4

'T09W operation is going well. Only minor equipment and antenna problems. We are active on 6 through 160, except 60m. On Tuesday we will change the 40m antenna to 60m and be active for 2 nights on 60m. Antennas start to come down on Friday. Only one station will be operating Friday night and early Saturday morning.'

CB0ZA Juan Fernandez Island –update

As many of you may know, our CB0ZA DXpedition team leader Marco Quijada, CE1EW passed away suddenly and unexpectedly becoming a "Silent Key" last month. Marco was a much respected and revered member of our amateur community, not only in Chile but also internationally. He had been actively involved in Chile as a highly accomplished and successful DXpeditioner, IOTA participant and contester for the past 30 years.

As such, the CB0ZA team extends its deepest condolences to Marco's family and friends during this difficult time. He will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In spite of this tragic loss, some of the remaining CB0ZA team members remain dedicated to the original mission plan. After carefully considering the impending options and obstacles that Marco was dealing with coordinating the DXpedition, it was determined that some members of the team will honor Marco's memory. They have made the difficult decision to press forward with the expedition. It is now the team's goal to make Marco Quijada's passion, expertise, and contributions to the team be forever remembered as the cornerstone of this, Marco's "last" DXpedition project.



NCDXF: Autumn 2023 Newsletter

The Autumn 2023 NCDXF Newsletter is now available. It's a BIG issue! Please use [this link](#) to access all NCDXF Newsletters, including this new issue. Look on the page for 2023 and click on the box for Autumn. Or download it using this [direct link](#)

TX5S Clipperton Island – update December 2

Equipment Week:

During the first week of December several team members will meet in Northern California to prepare the campsite and radio equipment for shipment to our boat Shogun which is docked at San Diego. We will inventory the tents and review their installation procedures, the Elecraft transceivers will be integrated with the computers, amplifiers, and the island's WIFI environment will be configured and integrated with Starlink. The EME and satellite stations are separate turnkey packages. Shogun will provide meals on the island; we will provide the necessary campsite logistics and management.

<https://www.dx-world.net/tx5s-clipperton-island/>

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This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ will be QRV as 3B9AT between December 7 and January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30, 2024. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

5R, MADAGASCAR Moise, F4EZG is operating as 5R8VE until early January 2024. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again operating as 6Y8LV until December 11. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

8P, BARBADOS Neil, GM0PWS will be QRV as 8P0BH between December 8-16. Operation in 'holiday-style' on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Eddy, OE3SEU is operating as C9SEU/P during December. Activity on QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Markus, OE3MCS will be operating in 'holiday-style' from Sal Island as D44MCS between December 11 and December 22. Activity on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

ET, ETHIOPIA Ken, K4ZW, pays the club station ET3AA visit during early December. An entry in the ARRL 10m Contest (Dec. 9/10) is included. QRV before and after the contest mostly on the lower bands (CW). QSL for ET3AA via N2OO.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Jean-Louis, F2NHJ is once again active as FK/call until early 2024. Operation from the main islands with some side trips. QSL via LoTW or Club Log.

FS, ST MARTIN The next TO9W is active until December 8. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21, 2024. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

HS, THAILAND Brad, VK2BY is once again active as HS0ZNR until January 14, 2024. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for members of the Kansai Okinawa Ham Club to be active from Ogasawara as JD1YCE between December 8-19. QRV on various bands, various modes. QSL via JA3AVO; LoTW, OQRS

PZ, SURINAME Nobu, JA0JHQ will be operating as PZ5NH between December 7 and December 14. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

T32, CHRISTMAS ISL The Rebel DX Group is active as T32TT from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati until end December. Plans are to operate 90% digital Modes, plus CW and SSB, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Look for W5JON as V47JA between December 9 and December 18. Operation from Calypso Bay from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. Using a Yaesu FT-3000D, and Elecraft KPA500 amplifier. Antennas: Mosley Mini32A 10/15/20m beam, 33' Vertical 10-60m. 35' Top Loaded 80m Vertical, and 6m Yagi. QSL direct to W5JON or via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Yuris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL are QRV as VK9CY until December 7, 2023. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB, FT8. https://www.lral.lv/vk9xy_vk9cy/index.html

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL A team with K2KW, KD4D, AG9A and W9RE are QRV as VP2VMM from Anegada until December 12. An entry in the ARRL 10m contest is included. Outside the contest they will sign as VP2V/calls. QSL for VP2VMM via KU9C and LoTW.

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISL Krish, W4VKU is active as VU7A until December 10. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via W4VKU, OQRS or LoTW. *'Planning to operate FT8 & SSB. FT8 is using MSHV and Multi-answer auto sequencing on non-standard FT8 frequencies. MSHV is set to answer the callers, by the distance. So the farthest first. Will update the frequencies to be used.'*

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AW until December 19. Operation on HF using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and QO-100.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Stan, K5GO is once again operating as ZF9CW for 3.5 months. Operation mainly on CW an entries in various contests.

On the scene...Krish W4VKU as VU7A from Lakshadweep Islands



Coming up soon

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS Krish, W4VKU will once again be active as VU4N between December 16-26. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, OQRS, LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024.

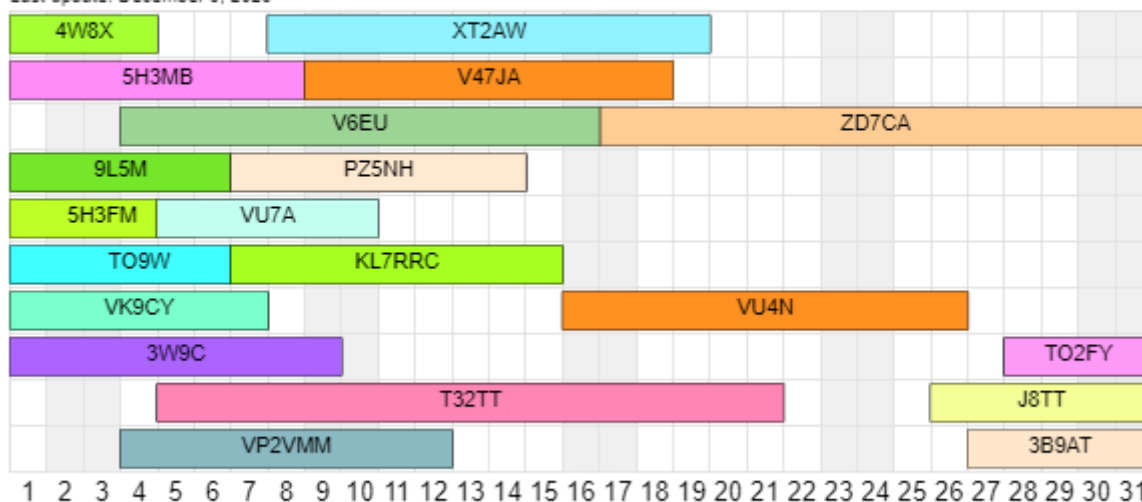
Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15.

ZD7, ST HELENA Chris HB9FIY will once again be active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via EA5GL.

DXCC timeline

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IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is QRV until December 19. He operates SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6 as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

AS-130 Con Son Island Jacek, SP5APW is QRV as 3W9C until December 9. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. *'Like on my recent trips I take with me only wire antennas for HF and no PA. My license allows me to operate only 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6m. Although limited resources I will try to work as many NA's as possible. My objective is not to make a big number of QSOs but to give new IOTA to those who really need it. So, if anyone needs AS-130 please drop me an email before or even during my trip. I will do all my best to help. I am not a CW operator however if somebody hates FT8 and wants to try CW with me I should be able to manage it as a sked when there is no pile-up.'*

On the scene...Jacek 3W9C Con Son Isl AS-130



NORTH AMERICA

NA-028 St Paul Isl A Russian Robinson DXpedition will take place as KL7RRCC between December 7 and December 15. The team with Tim NL8F, Alex KL5CX and Yuri N3QQ will be QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

NA-111 Long Beach Isl Matt, AF2F will often be QRV as AF2F/2 during December. No specific dates or hours but during his spare time. Prefer 10-12 meter using CW but other bands on FT8 might be possible. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

OC-130 Con Son Isl Jacek, SP5APW is QRV as 3W9C until December 9. Activity in 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 meters using FT8 and SSB. *"I am not a CW operator", he says. "However, if somebody hates FT8 and wants to try CW with me, I should be able to manage it as a sked when there is no pile-up". His licence for 6m is limited to 53-54 MHz, so he plans to operate split: listening on 50.313 or 50.323 and transmit- ting on 53.313 or 53.323. I haven't tried yet to work FT8 with such a wide split, but this is the only option to try to work IARU Re- gion 1. If it doesn't work, I will simply work 53.313 MHz for Regions 2 and 3, where the 6m band is wider".*

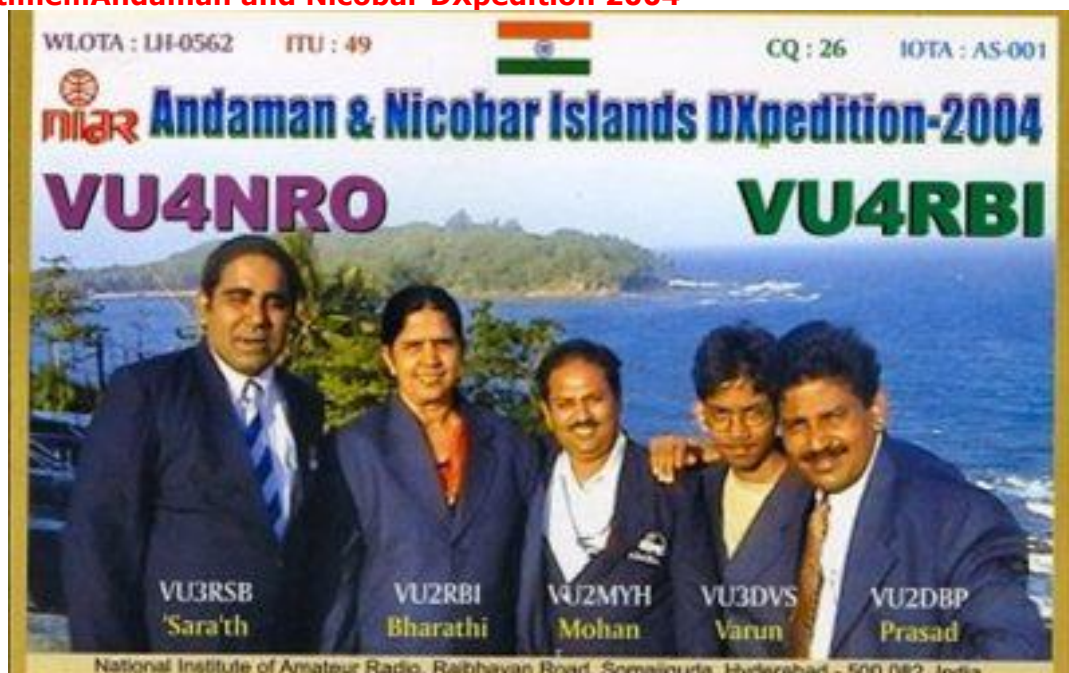
OC-150 Lombok Isl Burkhard, DL3KZA is operating ad YB9/call until December 18. QSL via home call.

ANTARCTIC BASES

Davis Base From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Vernadsky Research Base Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

Back in time...Andaman and Nicobar DXpedition 2004



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

3D2AD, 5W8A and ZK3M tour

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (**3D2AD**), Samoa (**5W8A**) and Tokelau (**ZK3M** or **ZK3A**) during February 7 to March 1, 2024. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25, 2024.

The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team, contact YT1AD for info. More info coming soon.

5H, TANZANIA Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20, 2024. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

TR, GABON Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) to again be active from Libreville, Gabon as TR8CR starting at the end of December and running through to the end of February 2024. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Bob, N4RF will once again be active as V4/call between January 11 and January 25, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS or LoTW.

ZD7, ST HELENA Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as ZD7Z during January 16 to February 4, 2024. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, DIGI using IC-7300, Hexbeam, vertical and Inverted-L. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS - Livestream.

ZD7, ST HELENA Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during mid-February. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Feb 17-18). QSL via home call.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL A team consisting ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV and ZL3SSB will be active from

the Chatham Islands as ZL7D during January 20-27, 2024. QRV on HF bands using Hexbeams and amps. QSL via EA3FLW.

THE REMINDERS

3B8, MAURITIUS David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

5X, UGANDA Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

7O, YEMEN Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12, 2024. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 19-30, 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

8R, GUYANA "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.



CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

ET, ETHIOPIA Bob, W9XY informs DX-WORLD that he and Ken, K4ZW will be returning to Ethiopia and QRV as ET3AA on various bands and modes during January 12-20, 2024. Updates to follow during their next stay. ET3AA QSL via N200.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3, 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

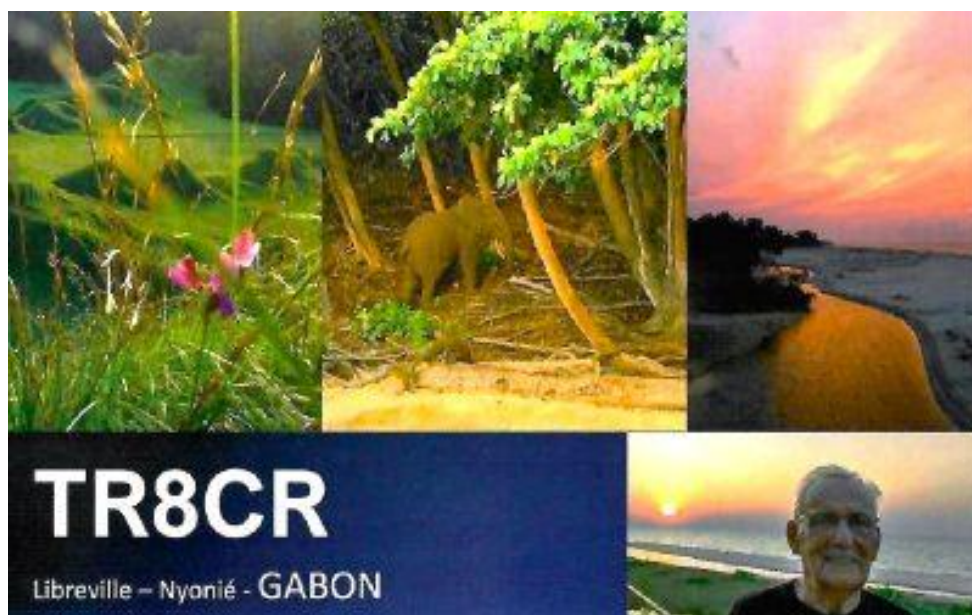
<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16, 2024. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..



FY, FRENCH GUIANA Pierre, F4GPK will be active from Kourou between December 29 and January 16, 2024. Operation in 'holiday-style' as TO2FY on HF using SSB only. QSL via EQSL.

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpediton to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7, 2024. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April 2024. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log.

J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO will once again be QRV as J8TT between December 26 and January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April

1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Below is a picture from a previous operation.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31, 2024. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team will be active between March 13 and March 26, 2024. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations. More to follow.

T8, PALAU A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions.



TY, BENIN Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30, 2024.

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex, K6VHF will once again be operating as call/HR9 between January 3-10, 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26, 2024. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

EA, SPAIN Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, members of Radio Club Liria (EA5RCL) will be active as **EH5XMAS** from 7 December to 7 January. QSL via the bureau to EA5RCL, LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

HZ, SAUDI ARABIA **HZ30EXPO** is the special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate the election of Saudi Arabia as host country of World Expo 2030, which will take place in Riyadh. Look for activity from 30 November to 9 December. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The special event station **A60WRC** (with optional appendages /0 to /20) operates around the ITU conference WRC-23 until Dec. 15. (TNX DXNL)

A9, BAHRAIN Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society celebrate their country's national day with the callsign **A91ND** until Dec. 16. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or

direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL110RG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)



F, FRANCE Members of the Radio-club de Lyon (F8KLY) will be active as **TM1AB** from 25 November to 9 December. The special callsign commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). (TNX 42DX)

F, FRANCE The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as **TM125ED** between 4 November and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Once again the Radio Club de Nice will be active as **TM8AB** to commemorate the anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred

Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, FT8 and SSTV during the weekends between 28 October and 10 December. QSL via F4KJQ. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND GB0WHO, GB1WHO, GB2WHO, GB4WHO, GB5WHO, GB6WHO, GB8WHO and GB9WHO are the special callsigns for members of the Chertsey Radio Club to celebrate the 60th anniversary of science fiction cult series "Doctor Who" until 20 December. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. Broadcast by the BBC, "Doctor Who" has been listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the TV's longest-running sci-fi show in the world. The series began on 23 November 1963 and the original run aired 694 episodes consecutively across 26 seasons until 1989; it was revived in 2005 after 16 years off the screen. (TNX 425DX)

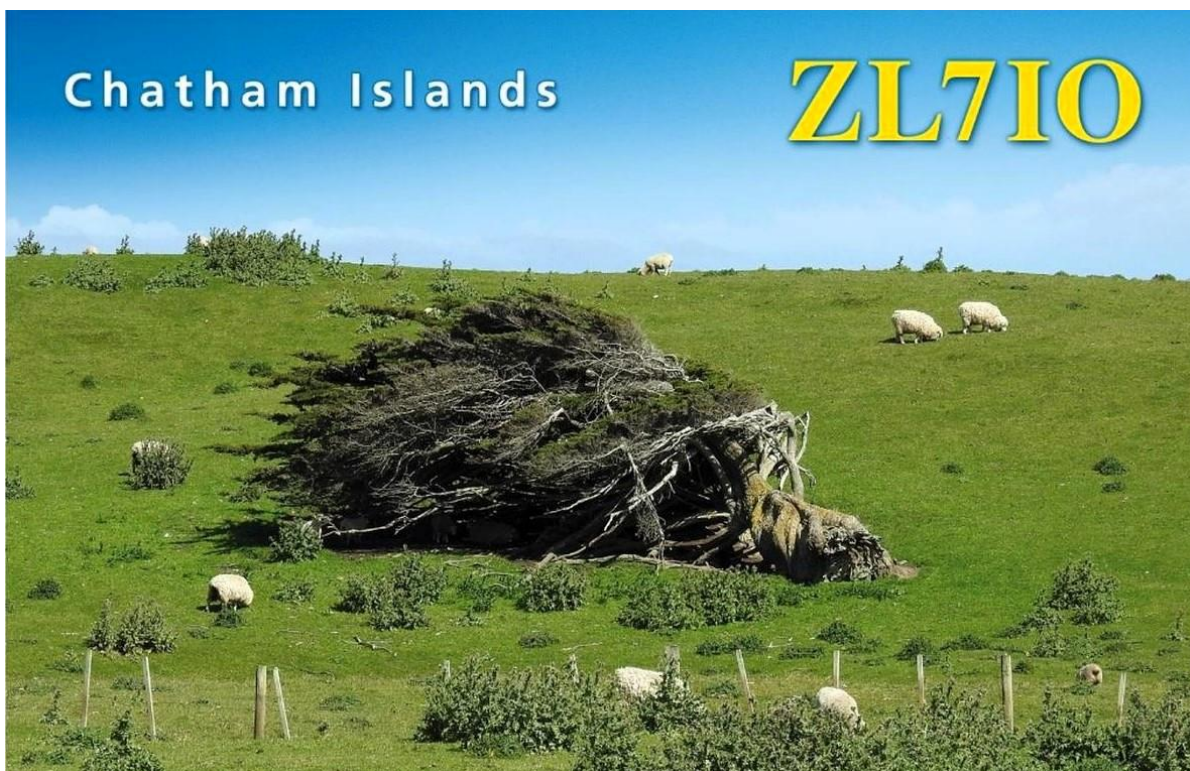
HB9, SWITZERLAND HB8DELOY is the special callsign for members of the Swiss Air Force Museum's Radio Club (HB4FR) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity from 1 November to 31 December. QSL via HB9ACA (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

December: II4CDV; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)



LX, LUXEMBOURG LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ600PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its

95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rcf/713> (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA23XMAS** and **PD23SANTA** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD24HNY** will be QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS On 14 december 1700 GMT we will enter the amateurbands with a lot of special stations, with callsigns **PA01MIL PA02MIL PA03MIL etc.**

We will stay there just for a couple of hours. How many of them? That's to the hams to find out! Every station consist of 2 servicemen and 1 amateur for assistance working with their in service military radio's in different configurations.

The mission for our teams is to make as many calls as possible, and to discover the world of ham radio.

Keep in mind that this is new for our young new operators, but they will adapt quick. They will work in SSB Phone, all bands possible.



S5, SLOVENIA Special event station **S524PMC** will be active from 8 December to 8 January 2024 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January. Complete information can be found on <https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/>. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN **8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND **SN15AXI** honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

SV, GREECE Special callsign **SX25GTC** will be in use on 1-15 December to celebrate the 25th anniversary since the formation of the Greek Telegraphy Club (<https://raag.org/gtc-club-en/>). Look for activity on 160-6 metres CW. QSL via LoTW. Certificates will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns

TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR and TC100YEAR throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA "Amateur Radio", the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained the special event call sign **VK90AR** for use until 31 December by any member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustralia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until end 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VP8, FAKLAND ISL Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Aviation Service, special event station **VP8FLY** will be active from the north east end of Stanley airport, Falkland Islands (SA- 002) during the month of December, and especially on 19 December. QSL direct to VP8LP. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA AU2JCB is a special event call-sign to commemorate the birth date (30 NOV) & to pay homage & to tell about the great INDIAN scientist Acharya JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE who is recognized as the "Father of Wireless Communication" by the scientific community of our world & IEEE. Operation between November 23 and December 11. Preferably the operation will be on higher bands according to propagation conditions. QSL--- Direct to VU2DSI, "SURABHI" MEHERABAD. AHMEDNAGAR.414006. INDIA.

VU, INDIA Look for **AT30IIH** to be active until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (<https://www.indianhams.com/>). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO 6E0G is a special event callsign that puts Ghost Towns on the Air until Dec. 17. QSL via XE1EE, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75th anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

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